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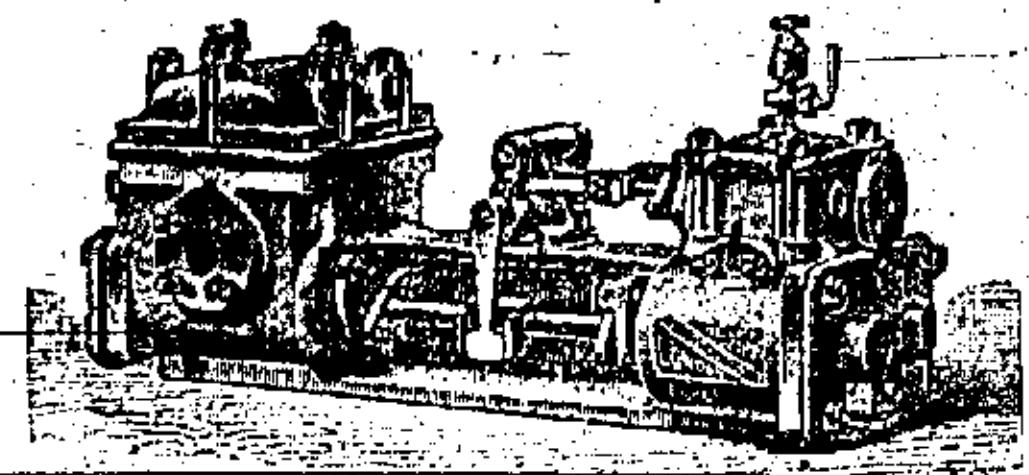
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By Order of the Board of Directors,

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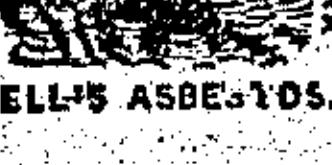
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**MENUS FOR TO-MORROW.**  
Shipping.  
Noon.—P. M. & S. China leaves for San Francisco, &c.  
**Auctions.**  
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 2, Richmond Terrace—  
**Miscellaneous.**  
Interim Dividend of \$1.50 on Shares of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., payable.  
Interim Dividend of \$1 on Shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., payable.

**BIRTHS.**  
At 4 Kimberley Villas, Kowloon, on the 29th July, the Wife of Mr. W. C. JACK, of a Son.  
On 17th July, at Mak-on Weihsien, the Wife of C. F. Hoo, of a Son.  
**DEATH.**  
On 23rd July, at his residence 14, Tien-tang Road, Shanghai, CHAS. LUNWOO BRETTIN, late pilot of s.s. *Kingfisher*; aged 62 years.  
**The publication of this issue commenced at 6.35 p.m.**

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 30, 1900.

**Editorial Comment.**

One of the most prominent WHERE IS characteristics of the pro- THE PEKING sent crisis in China, or its GOVERNMENT capital, is the official dis- ingenuousness which seems to overwhelm everything. The outbreak of the Boxer insurrection was unmis- takably turned and brought about by

the Reactionary Party at the Palace. Now that the diabolical trend of the objects of Prince Yuan and his creatures has ap- peared in full enigma, it is alleged the Empress Dowager's party has taken fright.

The question has repeatedly been asked, Who is the responsible Government of China? And the answer comes back, Who?

Emperor, Dowager-Empress, Prince Yuan? Even the venerable Viceroy Li Yung-chang is now credited with an inability to "spot" the source from which has emanated all the trouble, and especially all the accumulation of lies which have so successfully staved off the real condition of things at Peking. Li does not seem to be sure where he is now.

The source of the official telegrams which have emanated from Peking, the object of which have been to show that the Foreign Ministers and others at the capital are still alive, is only guessed at. But

in view of other circumstances, those messages are not believed. It is the old story of deceit, official untrustworthiness, and utter chaos. No Foreign Govern- ment can deal with such a situation—and no statement from Peking can now be regarded as truthful until the army of retribution reaches the capital. Therefore,

the correction of the Reuter message referring to the so-called arbitration of President McKinley comes very opportunely.

He could do nothing else than reject the least whisper of arbitration in such a matter.

Murder of such a kind, as has taken place in Peking can never be arbitrated before it has been avenged. But now comes the difficult point, which is evidently being raised. The men to be punished, the moderate party say, are the Robbs, Tuan and Kang yi. They have caused all the trouble, and we are the holders of the real Imperial Power. They have placed us in a false position; and we now seek to appease the Allied Powers. Who is to judge? Or rather, no judgment can be arrived at—no discrimination between the false and the true, or between the absolutely false and the comparatively true, can be made until we have punished the murderers, and made it clear that Imperial Peking no longer exists.

It is a curious thing that no Chinese official telegram can be believed; and upon that foundation, it is a fair inference that the Tuan anti-foreign party are still in the ascendant; and the moderate Viceroys are, in a sense, sitting on the fence, waiting the turn of events. We had intended to analyse the different decrees or edicts which purport to emanate from the Imperial Vermilion Pencil; they are full of the usual false assertions, and innuendos; but until the source is defined, it is waste of energy. The question is now, Where are we? and the answer is, On our way to Peking to discover the truth.

**Naval Appointments.**

The following naval appointments have been notified at the Admiralty:—Lieutenants: Charles R. Mansel, Howard R. Wilson, Frederick B. Noble, Arthur K. Petty, all to the *Centaur*, additional to go out with draft for China at the end of the month, all to date from June 22. Sub-Lieutenants: Francis C. Harvey and George P. Legard, both to the *Centaur*, to go out with draft for China at the end of the month, both to date from June 22. Commander J. B. Fuston, to the *Centaur*, additional, to take charge of the *Centaur*, for China, to date June 21. Staff-Surgeon J. McC. Martin, to the *Centaur*, to date June 25. Surgeons R. C. Munday and N. J. Roche, to the *Centaur*, to date June 25. Lieutenants: Francis M. Lester, to *Brake*; Philip Walter, to *Brake*; Sub-Lieutenants: John A. Fellowes, Charles S. Forbes, to *Brake*; Francis M. Hodgson, Malcolm H. S. Macdonald, to *Brake*; Surgeons: G. D. Brown, to the *Brake*; and J. W. Bird, to the *Brake*, to date June 23. Assistant Paymaster R. A. M. Burridge, to the *Centaur*, additional, undated, to go out with draft in the *Centaur*.

**VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.**—At *Kowloon*: U.S.S. *Monterey*, *Changsha*, *Tscheung*, *Angus*, *Falou*, *Hainan*, *Phu-Nang*, *Compton*, *Stanley*, *Aberdeen*. (None).

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**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
Notes by the Way.

I.M.S. *Iris* went out to-day for gun practice.

The U. S. cruiser *Buffalo* left yesterday for Taku.

General Gascoigne and staff arrived at Tientsin on 18th July.

The French gunboat *Vipere* came into Saigon to-day.

The 6th August being a Bank Holiday the Government Offices will be closed for that day.

The appointment of Messrs W. M. Goodwin and H. E. Pollock to be of Her Majesty's Counsel for the Colony is notified in the *Gazette*.

The return of plague cases up to noon on the 30th July showed that 7 fresh cases and 9 deaths occurred during the preceding 48 hours.

There were 336 European and 49 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 140 European and 1,717 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending July 29th.

We note the departure of the French mail steamer for Europe is still fixed at 1 p.m. this day fortnight. The Post Office closes, all the same, at 11.30 a.m. Please note.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Her Majesty has graciously approved of the appointment of the Hon. R. M. Gray to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council and Hon. S. W. Brown to be an Official Member of the Council.

A marriage has been arranged, and was to have taken place at Dulwich, on 6th July, between Lieutenant A. J. Barrett, Hongkong Regiment, and Miss E. Randles, nee Prince. Lieutenant and Mrs Barrett were to leave for Hongkong immediately after the wedding by the German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich*.

Visit of the Italian Admiral.

The Italian Admiral, Count Camillo Cattaneo, who arrived on Saturday afternoon in the Italian cruiser *Piemonte*, paid an official visit to H. E. the Governor to-day. On landing in the morning he was received by a guard of honour of the Royal Welch Fusiliers and Consul Volpicelli, the Italian Consul. Captain Bancroft was in charge of the guard and Lieutenant Gugger in charge of the Colour. The band and gait were also present. After a consultation at the Italian Consulate the Admiral paid his respects to the British Naval and Military officials.

**Armed Attack—Two Men Injured.**

On Saturday night an armed attack accompanied by extreme violence took place just outside Kowloon City. A body of men, numbering about ten, armed with swords, attacked a house occupied by a Chinaman for the purpose of robbery. The Chinaman and his foksi resisted the entrance of the robbers and the result was that the former was simply cut down. One of his thumbs was completely severed, while he sustained cuts on the face and on the shoulder which rendered him unconscious. His foksi was also wounded. The robbers then entered the house and took away with them jewellery and clothing to the value of \$50. When the robbers had gone the police were informed, and later in the morning the five men were arrested, some in a house and others on the roadway with part of the stolen property in their possession. The master was removed to hospital but is expected to recover. The five prisoners appeared at the Magistrate to-day and the case was remanded for a week.

The Abductors of Cheungchau.

The Island of Cheungchau, while under Chinese jurisdiction had a bad reputation as a resort for gamblers, but since the occupation of the island by the Colonial authorities many of these bad characters have found the place not exactly to their liking and have sought fresh fields and pastures. Relying on the security of British rule, last week about thirty women and children and two or three men, converts of the American Baptist Mission, Canton, came down and settled in a house on Cheungchau. Yesterday Rev. Mr. Chalmers paid these people a visit and found them in a state of terror. It appears that several men were heard conversing about the new arrivals, and one man remarked that there was about \$1000 worth of property in the house—referring to the marketable value of ten girl refugees. There was also some talk about pirates coming in the night and carrying the girls off. Several of the inhabitants are also apparently members of the Triad Society, and although the people did not feel perfectly secure under the protection of two European constables and a few Indians, they desired to be taken to some other place. They were accordingly brought over to Hongkong and are now housed in permanent lodgings in Kowloon.

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**TELEGRAMS.**

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE]

**THE BOER WAR.**

OCCUPATION OF FOURIESBERG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, July 28, 2.25 a.m.

The British have occupied Fouriesberg and are closing in upon the Free States.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

LONDON, July 28, 4.38 p.m.

All the foreigners at Paotingfu have been massacred.

This fact was announced yesterday by Sheng Taotai, who has kept the information to himself since 19th July.

It is believed that the foreign residents at Paotingfu numbered eighteen.

[TWO FRENCH PRIESTS MURDERED.]

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, July 28, 4.38 p.m.

Addressing the men, the Kaiser said they would prove the efficiency of German methods, and Germany would continue to afford ground for the compliments of foreign commanders.

The massacre of the Ambassadors was a crime unprecedented in history.

He urged on the troops to avenge the murder of Baron von Kortzfleisch and the representatives of other European Powers, and so to act that for a thousand years China would find it impossible to look askance at a German.

The *Localsteiger* reports that the Emperor said no quarter should be given.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

LONDON, July 28, 4.38 p.m.

A French decree prohibits the export of arms to China and contiguous countries.

President McKinley has rejected the suggestion, believed to have emanated from Li Hung-Chang, that the march on Peking should be deferred in return for the delivery of the mini-trears.

The Emperor of Germany in taking farewell of the troops in three transports, at Bremerhaven, exhorted them to so fight that a Chinaman would never dare to even think of asking a German for a thousand years to come.

The *British Reinforcements*.

(From Home Papers.)

Captain C. M. Mathew, commanding the Army Ordnance Corps at Woolwich, received orders on 23rd June to hold himself in readiness to embark for Hongkong at a very short notice.

With three regiments of Marines ordered to China, a draft of 400 seamen will go out for distribution among the ships of the British Fleet. Of these 150 will sail from Devonport, and the remainder from the other naval ports. All are seaman gunners, and will be specially selected from the ships in home ports.

A Malta correspondent telegraphs that the *Victorious* battleship, Captain C. H. Cross, has left there on her way to China.

The first-class cruiser *Argonaut*, which has been commissioned to proceed to the China Station to replace the *Undaunted* on the completion of the term of foreign service, has brought to a successful termination several steam trials in the North Sea.

Efforts will be made to complete the special trials this week in order that the cruiser may leave for China without further delay.

The *Argonaut* has been removed from the list of cruisers to be based at Doverport for the summer, and will probably be sent in reserve to the China Station.

The *Prinsep*, *Brutus*, and *Brilliant*, which were commissioned at Devonport on June 28, by Lieut. F. M. Leek and Lieutenant Philip Waller respectively for service on the China Station, each vessel has a complement of seventy officers and men.

The gunboats *Brindle* and *Hindostan* are shallow draught, and have been built for the river service in that country. They are of 710 tons displacement, 1,300-horse power, and carry a crew of seventy.

A correspondent writes:—Fifty-five of the members of the Army Medical Staff Corps, who are now stationed at the Hospital, Woolwich, have volunteered to serve in China.

The *June*, Col. Com. *Chambers*, of the *Field Hospital*, 1 British Officer, 7 men, 66 followers, 1 horse, and 3 mules, and two Special Service officers with 5 followers and 3 horses; *Duke of Portland* with 53rd Native Field Hospital (2 British officers, 11 men, 118 followers, and 2 horses); and 30th Bombay Infantry (15 British and 17 native officers, 436 men, 104 followers, and 15 horses); and the *Waverley* with the 63rd Field Hospital (2 British officers, 12 men, 123 followers, and 4 horses), and 29th Bombay Infantry (11 British and 16 native officers, 222 men, 71 followers, and 23 horses). The *Sierra* left for Whitchawal the same afternoon.

The *Islands* arrived to-day with the No. 1 Coolie Corp., 2 British officers, 6 N.C.O. and men, 1072 Coolies; 54th Field Hospital Officer, 8 N.C. O. and men and 64 coolies. The *Uralia* brought Transport Dept., Mule Corps, 39th Field Battery, Special Service Officers, Bakery Department, Postal Department, etc., including 4 Officers, 18 N.C. O. and men, about 400 followers, and 4 S. mules etc.

The *Padakota* arrived to-day from Calcutta. She carries Major Du Boulay, R.A., Captain Cole, 11th Bengal Lancers, and Captain Cooper, 1st Sikhs, special service officers; Major Johnston, Lieutenant Gordon and Thompson, and Captain Bleukensopp, I.M.S. of the Right wing, 1st Madras Pioneers; Captain Hamilton, I.M.S., Commanding C. Section 39th Native Field Hospital, 9 native officers, Right Wing 1st Madras Pioneers, C. Section 39th Native Field Hospital, and public and private followers, totalling 490 (exclusive of European and native officers) all told; 8 officers' horses and 87 mules.

The *Pentak* had fair weather all the way.

She passed and signalled off Singapore on Wednesday morning, July 26. On July 27, she met the R.L.M.S. *Cunning* with 1st Gurkha Rifles, from Bombay. The vessels kept together till Singapore was reached when the *Cunning* stopped to coal.

There were no deaths among the troops or mules.

The third class cruiser *Marathon*, of 2,050 tons displacement, arrived here yesterday from the East India Station. She is a twin screw cruiser of 2,050 tons, with an indicated horse power of 1,650 under nominal draught. She is under the command of Captain John G. M. Field.

Says the *Daily Mail*:—Events are now rapidly shaping so as to require fresh efforts of the Absent-Minded Relief Corps, this time in new fields of usefulness. Through the courtesy and instant sympathy of Sir Evan Cameron, Joint Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who will, after consultation with the P.M.O. at Shanghai, purchase such immediate supplies of clothing, cushioning, dietary, and medical comforts as may be advisable. These will at once be forwarded to the *China Squadron*, which the British Government has chartered for a hospital ship at Taku. By the middle of next week we hope to have the A.M.B. and Royal Artillery, Captain Worthington and Lieutenant Leach; the Royal Marine Light Infantry Division at Gosport, and the Royal Marine Artillery Division at Portsmouth, each with 100 men to be held in readiness for embarkation on the *China Squadron*. These will be ready for immediate embarkation in modern quick-firing guns at their respective depots. Those of the Plymouth Division were medically inspected on 22nd instant. They are ready for immediate embarkation but the date of departure has not yet been fixed. Major F. G. Kappay, R.M.A., is to go out in command, and the other officers of the battalion will be as follows:—Royal Marine Artillery, Captain Worthington and Lieutenant Leach; Royal Marine Light Infantry, Captain C. M. Parsons and Lieutenant H. S. Richmond; Royal Marine Artillery, Captain C. M. Parsons and Lieutenant H. S. Richmond; Royal Marine Light Infantry, Captain C. M. Parsons and Lieutenant H. S. Richmond; Royal Marine Artillery, Captain C. M. Parsons and Lieutenant H. S. Richmond; Royal Marine Light Infantry, Captain C. M. Parsons and Lieutenant

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1900.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## THE EMPEROR'S APPEAL TO THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

(N.C. Daily News Correspondent in Tokyo.)

## Important State Papers.

Perhaps the most dramatic, as well as the most unexpected development of the state of anarchy and war which now prevails in North China, is the appeal of His Imperial Majesty Kuang Hsu to the Emperor of that realm. Who, even three short months ago, would have predicted that the unfortunate monarch, whose inability to stem the tide of conservatism and intolerance has led to the dissemination of such remarkable, and such contradictory, reports regarding him—we have had His Majesty murdered, poisoned, the victim of a suicide, a helpless prisoner in his own palace—would in the sixth month of the present year suddenly spring, as it were, into the halo and display his eagerness to rescue his land by dispatching a telegraphic entreaty to the Emperor of Japan for help against foreign power—the powers of the West? The gist of the letter is probably before "North-China readers" by this time. I am unable to give a more detailed version of the dispatches. The Emperor of China's message was delivered to the Foreign Office in Tokio by H. E. Li Sheng-toh, Minister to Tokio, on the 11th instant. It is as follows:

## The Deposed Emperor's Appeal.

We, the Emperor of China, to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Greeting!

"Our country being on terms of intimate friendship and mutual reliance with Your Majesty's country, it was a great shock to Us that the Chinese officer of Your Majesty's Legation was about a month ago attacked, and done to death. Profoundly touched by this sad event, We caused steps to be taken for the arrest and punishment of the perpetrators of the crime, but the Powers, suspecting that in the prevailing conflict between Our Christian and non-Christian subjects Our Government was supporting the Chinese against Us, attacked and occupied the forts of Taku. Thus hostilities were commenced and the situation has become more and more complicated...

"From the general trend of events in the world, We are perchance that the East, and the West confront each other. Your Majesty's country and Ours are the only Powers that maintain their ground in the East. It is not China a one which is made the object of the ambitious longings of the Powers that assert their strength in the West. Should China fail to hold her own, We fear that Your Majesty's country would also find the situation untenable. The interests of the two countries are therefore linked together, and We venture to hope that Your Majesty may find it possible to set aside for the present questions of minor importance and make common cause with Us. In the absence of our general interests, China is at the moment engaged so completely occupied in conducting military operations for the suppression of the insurgents, that it is impossible for her to take proper measures to avert the dangers from without and to bring the complication to a successful termination. We are therefore constrained to rely on the support of that country which, like Our own dominions, forms part of Asia."

"Under these circumstances We make this communication to Your Majesty in the spirit of absolute frankness and truthfulness, and beg that Your Majesty will take such action as may be deemed adequate in Your judgment to re-endorse and peace under Your powerful guidance. We also most earnestly beg Your Majesty to favour Us with a reply."

The 7th day of the sixth month of the 26th year of Kuang Hsu (July 30, 1900).  
Rey of the Emperor of Japan.

His Imperial Majesty's answer was transmitted through the Chinese Minister to Tokio last Saturday, 14th inst., and is as follows:

"We, the Emperor of Japan, to His Majesty the Emperor of China, Greeting!

"The report that Sung-yan, Chancellor of Our Legation at Peking, had been murdered, reached Us some time ago, but We have so far lacked positive information and it has therefore been a cause of profound grief and regret to Us to be assured of the correctness of that report by the telegram just received from Your Majesty."

Sung-yan died in the northern part of Your Majesty's dominion because more and more violent and their lawless proceedings have been unbound. They have not only surrounded and attacked the foreign diplomatic Representatives, the members of their suites, and other foreigners, but have, it is reported, even massacred the Minister of certain Powers. We are further informed that your Majesty's troops fail and are powerless to afford relief to the foreign Ministers, and are unable to suppress the insurgents. The notion of the insurgents is a complete violation of the principles of International Law, that diplomatic agents are entitled to the highest respect, and their persons are inviolable. Any offence against a diplomatic representative is a direct contravention of International Law, and it is not necessary to point out the responsibility of the responsibility that would be incurred in a foreign Representative is done to death."

If Your Majesty's Government will earnestly suppress the insurgents and rescue the foreign Representatives, their suites, and other foreigners, the situation will be simplified and the solution of this crisis will be found relatively easy. The suppression of the insurgents and the rescue of the foreign Representatives are duties which Your Majesty, even less than Your Own country than to the other nations of the world, and must be accomplished without the least delay or hesitation. Since last month the Powers have dispatched large forces to Tientsin, and Japan has likewise found it necessary to send her troops. In taking this step the object kept in view has been to suppress the insurgents and to restore the diplomatic agents and other foreigners to their posts. The Japanese, however, have no ultimate motive. If Your Majesty's Government should lose no time in remitting the Ministers of foreign nations from their dangerous position, such action on your Majesty's part would, We trust, be recognised as an indication of Your Majesty's sincere wish to avoid war with foreign nations, and the calamity which would otherwise befall your Majesty's country would thus be mitigated."

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The 13th day of the 7th month of the 32nd year of Meiji (July 13, 1900).  
Kobe, 21st July.

[Perhaps H. E. Li Hung-chang could tell an anxious world where this telegram was really drafted.—Ed.]

## THE FATE OF THE MINISTERS.

The N. C. Daily News of July 25 has the following:—Are the Ministers at Peking alive or not? Why cannot the Chinese officials, if they are, as they profess to be, in communication with Peking, let us know definitely as to the fate of the unhappy foreigners in the capital? Is it because they are afraid to tell us? And if so, why are they adding to their future difficulties by putting off telling the truth? What is their real reason for postponing the evil day?

Ten days ago Yuen Shih-ho told us through Sheng that the Legation and the Government at Peking were on the verge of total destruction. Just about the same time Li Hung-chang made up his mind to break his agreement with the Consular Body and come north, and from that moment we have had a number of vague reassuring telegrams. The Emperor of China's message was delivered to the Foreign Office in Tokio by H. E. Li Sheng-toh, Minister to Tokio, on the 11th instant. It is as follows:

## The Deposed Emperor's Appeal.

We, the Emperor of China, to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Greeting!

"Our country being on terms of intimate friendship and mutual reliance with Your Majesty's country, it was a great shock to Us that the Chinese officer of

Your Majesty's Legation was about a month ago attacked, and done to death. Profoundly touched by this sad event, We caused steps to be taken for the arrest and punishment of the perpetrators of the crime, but the Powers, suspecting that in the prevailing conflict between Our Christian and non-Christian subjects Our Government was supporting the Chinese against Us, attacked and occupied the forts of Taku. Thus hostilities were commenced and the situation has become more and more complicated...

"From the general trend of events in the world, We are perchance that the East, and the West confront each other. Your Majesty's country and Ours are the only Powers that maintain their ground in the East. It is not China a one which is made the object of the ambitions longings of the Powers that assert their strength in the West. Should China fail to hold her own, We fear that Your Majesty's country would also find the situation untenable. The interests of the two countries are therefore linked together, and We venture to hope that Your Majesty may find it possible to set aside for the present questions of minor importance and make common cause with Us. In the absence of our general interests, China is at the moment engaged so completely occupied in conducting military operations for the suppression of the insurgents, that it is impossible for her to take proper measures to avert the dangers from without and to bring the complication to a successful termination. We are therefore constrained to rely on the support of that country which, like Our own dominions, forms part of Asia."

"Under these circumstances We make this communication to Your Majesty in the spirit of absolute frankness and truthfulness, and beg that Your Majesty will take such action as may be deemed adequate in Your judgment to re-endorse and peace under Your powerful guidance. We also most earnestly beg Your Majesty to favour Us with a reply."

The 7th day of the sixth month of the 26th year of Kuang Hsu (July 30, 1900).  
Rey of the Emperor of Japan.

His Imperial Majesty's answer was transmitted through the Chinese Minister to Tokio last Saturday, 14th inst., and is as follows:

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## Forces at Taku.

There are 3,000 Japanese and about 5,000 Russians at Taku. The latter are still burning villages right and left.

Forces Movements.

H. M. S. *Torlak* is sending 200 of her men and the Transport guns right to the front. The other British navy men are to return to their ships.

## Boatful Boxers.

For a long time the Boxers have been boasting that the foreign bullets could not hurt them. At the taking of the native city they found they were mistaken and many of them cleared out before shelter.

## Japan's Good Spirit.

As the British troops led into the native city the Japanese cheered them very heartily. In the fighting about this place the Japanese lost over 700 in killed and wounded. The shall fire was helless and a naval officer remarked that the Boers were not in it with the Chinese for shooting in shells.

## Departure of U.S.S. "Newark".

On the 21st instant the U.S.S. *Newark* left Taku for Chefoo. The British ship-manned sides and rigging, clearing heartily the American ship passed, and the band of H. M. C. Division gracefully enhanced the compliment by playing "The Star-Spangled Banner." The gallant Yankees warmly acknowledged the good feeling displayed. Out of a crew of 300 men the *Newark* has left behind 134 killed and wounded.

## GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1900.

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from J. K. Giras, Esq., to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at No. 2, KICHISON TERRACE, on

## TUESDAY,

the 31st July, 1900, commencing at 2.45 p.m.,

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(Particulars can be seen from Catalogue).

## TERMS:—An Auctioneer.

On View from Monday, the 30th July.

## GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1900.

## 1615

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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## GLEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

## FROM MIDDLESEX, LONDON AND SPRATS.

THE Steamship *Glen* having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of

Cargo by her are hereby informed that their

Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treas-

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HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on

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sигнеes before 5 p.m., To-morrow, the 30th

Instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned. Goods remaining unlanded

after Tuesday, the 7th August, at Noon,

will be subject to sale and landing charges.

All Chancery must be sent in to me on or before the 7th August, or they will not be

recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on

Tuesday, the 7th August, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1900.

## 1615

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

## THE Company's Steamship.

## TAKIYUAN.

## C. T. OZAWA, Captain.

## MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, July 30, 1900.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR PORT SWATOW, AMOY &amp; TAMSUI.

## THE Company's Steamship.

## MAIZUCHI MARU.

Captain T. OZAWA, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 5th August, at Daylight.

## TER-FREIGHT OR PASSAGE, apply to

## MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, July 30, 1900.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE.

## THE Company's Steamship.

## TSINAN.

Captain NELSON, will be despatched on

MONDAY, the 10th August, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight and Passages, apply to

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1900.

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**Shipping.**

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SANDAKAN.

THE Company's Steamship MAUSANO. Captain R. Cox will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 p.m. Cargo for Kudat can be transhipped at SANDAKAN.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 26, 1900. 1622

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship ESMERALDA. Capt. G. J. BLAXLAND will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

A Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN-TOMES &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 25, 1899. 1613

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CEBU AND ILOILO.

THE Company's Steamship KASHING will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, instead of as previously advised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, July 24, 1900. 1579

FOR NAGASAKI &amp; VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship DAPHNE.

Captain Ni-e will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st August, at Noon.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, July 27, 1900. 1624

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship CATHERINE APCAR.

Captain J. G. OLIPHENT will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 1st August, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to D. SASSEON, SONS &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1900. 1628

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship CALCAS.

Captain BAILEY, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 7th August.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, June 29, 1900. 1437

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship RHIPUS,

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For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, July 13, 1900. 1522

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship RICHMOND CASTLE

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Hongkong, July 21, 1900. 1587

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